

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 93

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bob Sain upon receiving the 2007 Robert W. Varnell Jr. Leadership Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to recognize those venerable public servants who have dedicated themselves to enhancing the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bob Sain is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sain was recently named the 2007 recipient of the Robert W. Varnell Jr. Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is bestowed upon an outstanding community leader who displays unfailing determination, hard work, and care and concern for others in his professional and community activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sain worked with great acumen and alacrity in the retail industry for forty-three years with Penney's; his work took him to his native North Carolina, Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Florida, and finally to Cleveland, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he has served as the President of the Tennessee Retail Merchants Association, President of the Downtown Merchants Association, and President of the Cleveland Mall Merchants during his years with the Cleveland Penney's; in 1981, he earned recognition as the Cleveland/Bradley County Retailer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sain is best known for his charitable work with Habitat for Humanity of Cleveland, which he served as Executive Director for many years and later rendered sterling service as a Construction Supervisor; he and other members of the Men's Club of Broad Street United Methodist Church chartered the local chapter; and

WHEREAS, evincing a deep commitment to community service, Mr. Sain has served as a Board Member, Treasurer, Vice President, President, and Charter Member of Sunrise Rotary, which honored him as a Paul Harris Fellow; as President of the Junior Achievement of the Ocoee Region; as a Board Member of Bradley Memorial Hospital; a Board President and Personnel Committee Chair for the Boys and Girls Club of America; a Board of Directors Member for the United Way of Bradley County; and the Division Vice Chairman and President for the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, an active member of First United Methodist Church for many years, Bob Sain chaired a successful church building fund; following the death of his first wife in 1980, he married Jane and moved his membership to Broad Street United Methodist Church, where he served as Business Manager and Board Member, coordinated a large building drive, and assisted with the early stages of a \$5 million church rehabilitation project; and

WHEREAS, those who know him best describe Bob Sain as fair, honest, a pillar in the church, a true community leader, and as one who “pays it forward”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sain’s remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sain is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the “Volunteer State”; and

WHEREAS, for his many contributions to his profession and his community, Mr. Sain is wholly deserving of the 2007 Robert W. Varnell Jr. Leadership Award, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Bob Sain upon receiving the 2007 Robert W. Varnell Jr. Leadership Award, commend him for his laudable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, honor his myriad accomplishments, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.